

### **April 2024**

WABC Family,

As the vibrant colors of spring start to paint our surroundings with hope and renewal, we are delighted to share exciting news from Woodward Avenue Baptist Church. April brings with it a sense of rejuvenation, and we couldn't be more thrilled to embark on a journey of transformation

We have reached a significant milestone on our path in our Sanctuary Renovation. Thanks to the unwavering support and dedication of our faith family, we are thrilled to announce that the renovation of our beloved sanctuary is officially underway. This endeavor represents not just a physical transformation but a symbol of our commitment to growth and renewal as a congregation.

As we witness the rebirth of nature around us, let us also take this opportunity to renew our spirits and strengthen our faith. Let the blossoming flowers and the chirping birds serve as reminders of the boundless possibilities that lie ahead for Woodward Avenue Baptist Church. Our church is blooming and blossoming, as we celebrate new faces, new members, and new life in Jesus as we celebrated in the waters of baptism on Easter Sunday!

In the spirit of renewal, let us come together as one family, united in our vision for a brighter future. Whether you have been with us for generations or are just beginning your journey with our church, your presence and participation are invaluable as we embark on this transformative season in the life of our church.

We invite each and every one of you to join us on this journey of renewal. Whether through volunteering your time, offering your time, talents and treasure. We must spreading the Gospel and tell of what God is doing in the midst of our faith family! Continue to give to "Capital Projects" as we seek to do this project debt-free! We are within reach. Don't even let debt become an option. We can do it!

\*\*Stay Connected\*\*

Stay tuned for updates and progress reports as our sanctuary renovation continues to unfold. We are immensely grateful for your continued support and look forward to celebrating the fruits of our labor together.

Wishing you all a season filled with hope, joy, and the promise of renewal.

In Christ Jesus,

Tyler Armstrong Senior Pastor



I hope you have put the spring into your Spring! It is finally here!

I encourage you to get outdoors, especially in the mornings. Where I live, in the mornings, I am inundated with melodious songs from birds. It's no secret that I worship our heavenly Father through song. Most Sundays, you will see me close my eyes and lift my hands in praise and adoration to our God. This morning as I write this message, I listen to the birds and take in the beauty of His creation and I am reminded of these two scriptures:

Psalm 40:3, "He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord."

Matthew 6:26, "Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap not gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

So, let Him put a new song in your mouth and heart. Trust in Lord because to Him, YOU are the most valuable thing in all his creation and He cares for you. "Jesus loves me this I know!"

Thanks to all in the Foundation that helped in any way with the student yard sale and Easter egg hunt for the children!

It's going to be a busy April in the life of our church. Hold on and get on board for the fantastic ride!

MANY volunteers will be needed during the next couple of weeks to get us moved to the Activities Building.

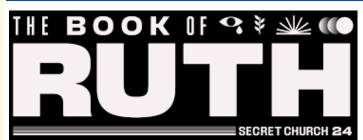
Please help out in all areas, especially greeting our visitors so they know where to go on Sundays. If you are not physically able to help, we need you to PRAY, PRAY, PRAY! God is on the move at WABC but that means Satan is too!

In His love, Leasha Our April

"Starting Point" class
will be Sunday, April 7th,
at 9:15 a.m. in the Pastor's Office.
If you are a new member or are
considering becoming a member,
please join the pastor as he shares
information concerning church history,
church finances, Sunday School classes,
service opportunities, what
membership means at WABC,
our church covenant and the next steps.



Our transition to the Activities Building will begin, Monday, April 1st. If you are willing to help, please meet us in the Worship Center at 10:00 a.m.



Secret Church Simulcast Friday, April 19th 6:00 p.m. (Activities Building)

Please sign up at the Welcome Center table, the Adult Education Building desk or by calling the church office.

# POTLUCK FINGER FOOD FAMILY MEAL

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST, 5:00 P.M. (ACTIVITIES BUILDING) FOLLOWED BY OUR QUARTERLY FAMILY MEETING





# Sanctuary Renovation Giving Goal: \$658,000.00 Donations: \$478,772.63 Expenses since February 2024: \$100,784.84

Any funds that you would like to designate to this, should be marked as "Capital" on your giving envelope. You can also select Capital from the drop-down menu on our online giving platform.

#### Thank you Notes Received:

Dear Church Family,

Words are not enough to thank you for all your acts of love you have shown to our family—the visits to see her, the cards, the phone calls, the flowers, the European Garden dish, the food/meal after the service—but most of all—the endless prayers! Peggy (a.k.a. mother L. Mimi) loved WABC Shane Conn L. Family

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Thanks for the prayers, food and other blessings we received during Janice's surgery and recovery. A special thanks to Robert and Linda Evans.

In Christian Love, Irl Parks

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It's sometimes easy to forget that there are nice people out there doing nice things for others. Thanks for being such a special reminder! The flowers are beautiful! Thank you for the phone calls.

Love, Martha & Don Brackeen

Mom loved her church family so very much! She missed being in Christian fellowship with all of you when she became unable to attend church

From all of her family, please know how much we appreciate and cherish all of your thoughts, prayers and Christian love! A very special thank you to the pastor and the deacons that visited and checked on mom often. She loved you all! Family of Ernestine Pittman

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Woodward Avenue Family & Friends,

Thank you so much for the personal letter you sent for my 100th Birthday. It was so thoughtful and much appreciated! I enjoyed attending church and Sunday school for over 50 years. Participating in all the activities including our "Band" and XYZ fellowships was such a joy to me and my family. The memories of all the fellowship are very dear to me! Love, Marjorie Daughety



#### **April 1st**

Church Office Closed

Renovation moving begins—please meet in the Worship Center at 10:00 a.m.

April 2nd

Membership Committee Meeting 10:30 a.m. (Pastor's Office)

April 6th

Personnel Committee Meeting 8:00 a.m. (Adult Education Building)

April 7th

Starting Point Class 9:15 a.m. (Pastor's Office)

Begin meeting in the Activities Building For Worship Services

Students' Invite Night 5:00-8:00 p.m. (Underground)

April 14th

Deacons' Meeting, 2:00 p.m. (Adult Education Building)

April 19th

Secret Church Simulcast 6:00 p.m.-Midnight (Activities Building)

April 21st

Renovation Giving Sunday

Family Potluck Finger Food Meal & Meeting 5:00 p.m. (Activities Building)

April 28th

Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting 4:00 p.m. (Adult Education Building)

Shoals Area Wide Prayer Rally 5:00 p.m. (Woodmont Baptist Church)

#### ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING Goal: \$10,000.00

Given: \$2,801.29

Any funds that you would like to designate to this, should be marked as "Annie Armstrong" on your giving envelope. We have specially marked envelopes available at the Welcome Center table or the Adult Education Building desk. You can also select Annie Armstrong from the drop-down menu on our online giving platform.

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING APRIL 28TH, 4:00 P.M. (ADULT EDUCATION BUILDING)



#### Shoals Area Wide Prayer Rally

Sunday, April 28th, 5:00 p.m. (Woodmont Baptist Church)

#### **DEACON OF THE WEEK**

April 7th: Phillip Fretwell
April 14th: Bob Little
April 21st: Jimmy Jumper
April 28th: Jerry Plaxco

The monthly Deacons' Meeting will be Sunday, April 14th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Adult Education Building.

# NURSERY & CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

**April 7th:** Ryann Armstrong, Morgan Hall,

Rachel Peoples

& Amanda Thomas

Children's Church: Karen King

& Canaan Worley

**April 14th:** Ronnie & Susan Campbell,

Shane Conn & Isabelle Rushing Children's Church: Doris Boozer

**April 21st:** Sherry Brown, Courtney

Cottingham, Mary Beth Nichols

& Tricia Starkey

Children's Church: Cory King

**April 28th:** Jenny Boozer, Sherry Brown,

Tricia Starkey & Gidgett Wilson Children's Church: Rick Boozer



#### Please Welcome these New Members to our church family:

Nick Peoples—By Statement Rachel Peoples—By Statement

#### **SECURITY TEAM SCHEDULE**

#### April 7th

Will Cottingham, James Gautney, Anthony Sparks & Lance Wright

#### **April 14th**

Bob Freeman, Mike Lansdell, Jacob Richardson & John Webb

#### **April 21st**

Justin Boozer, Ethan Hall, Tim Ray & Phil Richardson, Jr.

#### April 28th

Ryan Crumley, David Gresham, Irl Parks & Jack Pennington

#### **SCHEDULE**

(See the Worship Guide and Monthly Calendar for changes)

#### **Sunday**

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
(Activities Building & Online)	
Students' Invite Night	5:00 p.m.
(Underground)	•

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<u>Wednesday</u>	
Adult Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
(Adult Education Building)	
Student Equip Night	6:00 p.m.
(Underground)	
Kid's Activities	6:00 p.m.
(Kid's Department)	
Choir Practice	6:00 p.m.
(Activities Building)	
Praise Team Practice	/:15 p.m.
(Activities Building)	

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#### **Your Staff:**

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